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U.S. Economic Development Administration
Attn: Investment Review Committee
Seattle Regional Office
Jackson Federal Building
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To the Investment Review Committee:

I am writing to express my support for the City of San Leandro's Public Works Economic Development Assistance grant application. The City's proposed project – the expansion of the Lit San Leandro fiber optic broadband system – will have positive impacts not only for the City, its economy and residents, but also for the Bay Area.

The City is creating a broadband network that will serve as a backbone for growth in high-tech industries, including advanced manufacturing in addition to medical, biotechnology, and media services. Through the Lit San Leandro project, the City is poised to capitalize on its legacy of manufacturing by better preparing its industrial areas for the 21st century economy. In addition, the project supports Economic Development Administration goals by advancing technology-led development, regional collaboration, and job creation.

The Lit San Leandro project is a key building block for the region as the City develops a strategy to improve broadband availability. I respectfully request that you give this application your thorough consideration.

Sincerely,



Pete Stark
Member of Congress